Electrification of track from Itarsi to Nagpur

2505. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the whole of the railway track from Itarsi to Nagpur and Nagpur to Bhusawal have been electrified;

(b) if not, what part is remaining to be electrified as at present;

(c) whether the work of laying the double track from Nagpur to Itarsi has been completed;

(d) if not, by when this work would be completed; and

(e) what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Narrow Gauge lines in Maharashtra

2506. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many kilometer of narrow gauge lines exist in Maharashtra;

(b) by when these lines would be converted into broad gauge;

(c) what are the reasons of delay in such conversion;

(d) how much money would be required to convert these lines; and

(e) by when the work of conversion would begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 1100 kms.

(b) The following narrow gauge lines have been approved for conversion into broad gauge in Maharashtra:—

Narrow Gauge lines	Target
i Daund-Baramati (42 kms)	1993-94
ii Gondia-Chanda Fort (248 kms)	Gondia-Wadsa (105 kms) 1993-94; wadsa-Chanda Fort (143 kms) 1996-97
iii Miraj-latur (326 kms)	Work will be taken up after Planning Commission's approval is received

(c) Railways have drawn up an Action Plan for conversion of 6898 kms. of MG/NG lines into BG during the Eighth Five Year Plan, as a first step towards Uni-gauge on the Indian Railways. As a result of this plan, speed of ongoing gauge conversion works in Maharashtra has been accelerated, rather than delayed.

(d) About Rs. 1,000 crores.

(e) Conversion of NG lines into BG in Mahartshtra has already been taken up under Project Uni-gauge.

Railway Stations on Narkhed Amravati Rail line

2507. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Railway stations proposed to be constructed on the Narkhed Amravati Rail line;

(b) whether Government have received any demand from villages far constructing railway stations;